

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to pay tribute to the contributions of Karol Sacca. Karol has achieved a delicate balance between leadership and friendship with her students. Karol's dedication has lead to many young people becoming excited about learning. Thank you Karol for your contributions.

COMMENDING SAINT AGNES  
HOSPICE FOR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 8, 2003*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Saint Agnes Hospice in celebrating 25 years of compassionate care. An open house was held to commemorate this milestone on Monday, November 24th in Fresno, California.

In its 25th year, Saint Agnes Hospice continues to focus on pain and symptom management in patient care, and strives to raise awareness among the public and physicians about the value of Hospice care. Since its establishment in 1978, the organization's main purpose has been to reflect the mission of the Saint Agnes Medical Center by extending Christ's love to the terminally ill and their families; recognizing that each person is unique and deserving of compassion while stewarding the human and financial resources. Their goal is to meet and serve the needs of individuals, promoting dignity, comfort, and peace to enable them to live until they die. Founded by Sister Raphael McGrath, CSC, BSN, MSNE, Saint Agnes Hospice has made it possible for terminally ill patients to live out their final days with dignity in the comfort and privacy of their own home. Hospice focuses on living and maintaining the patient and family's quality of life.

Saint Agnes Hospice has grown dramatically over the years and continues to offer patients and families a variety of levels of care. During fiscal year 2003, it served 346 patients, an increase from 265 patients in 2002. The Hospice Team is staffed around the clock by an outstanding group of individuals; physicians, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and volunteers. The four levels of care available are Routine Home Care, Continuous Home Care, Inpatient Respite Care, and General Inpatient Care. FOOTSTEPS, an expressive arts support group is available for children who have experienced difficult life losses and their caregivers. Finally, Bereavement care is planned and available to support families for a year following the loss of a loved one.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate Saint Agnes Hospice on its 25th anniversary. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing them many years of compassionate care for the citizens of the Central Valley.

THE YOUNG MASHADI JEWISH  
CENTER

**HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 8, 2003*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call to the attention of the House an important

event in my district: the groundbreaking for the Young Mashadi Jewish Center in Great Neck on December 14, 2003. I want to offer my best wishes and congratulations to all the men and women who have contributed their time, energy and support to bring this tremendous project into being.

America and New York in particular have been blessed by a growing number of Jews of Iranian descent, who have made an enormous contribution to the health and vitality of our Jewish community. Owing to their bitter experience as a persecuted religious minority in Iran, they—more than most—have come to understand the meaning of the prophet Jeremiah, "If you will remain in this land, then I will build you up and not pull you down; I will plant you, and not pluck you up. . . ." The expansion of this community's physical presence through the construction of this center is a sign of continuing growth and maturity, and one which I happily encourage.

Mr. Speaker, as always, breaking ground on a new religious center is a joyous event. Such structures are gifts to the future and expressions of our most admirable goals for our posterity. The Young Mashadi Jewish Center in Great Neck will include classrooms and a playground for children, a youth center for young adults, a recreational lounge to accommodate social, cultural, and educational programs for the community seniors, and other spaces available to host all those events which connect individuals and families to their community.

This center will be built with love, dedication, determination and an abiding faith in the future of the Jewish people. In short, it will be a center that reflects the values of the people who built it.

Mr. Speaker, in the Jewish faith, when a book of study is completed, the accomplishment is celebrated by offering encouragement to immediately return to the work ahead. The groundbreaking of the Young Mashadi Jewish Center in Great Neck is a great step forward, a real achievement. But it is a step which only promises greater things. In the days ahead, I know the whole House will join me in saying "Chazak! Chazak! v'Nitchazayk!" (Be strong! Be strong! And may we be strengthened!)

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SOUTH  
PASADENA KIWANIS CLUB'S 80TH  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 8, 2003*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the South Pasadena Kiwanis Club upon its 80th anniversary.

Kiwanis is a worldwide service organization of women and men who share the challenge of community and world improvement. Since its founding in 1915, Kiwanis has grown to include approximately 9,000 clubs in more than 80 nations.

The South Pasadena Kiwanis Club, founded in 1923, consists of business and professional people who work or live in the South Pasadena area that have an interest in volunteer service. A family-oriented organization, South Pasadena Kiwanis members are committed to serving the youth, families and senior citizens of South Pasadena.

Some of the club's charitable contributions include the South Pasadena Educational Foundation, Farm City Youth, Special Olympics, the Summer Reading Program, "Terrific Kids," the Young Men's Christian Association, "Concerts in the Park," and Little League. The South Pasadena Kiwanis Club is the main sponsor for South Pasadena High School's Key Club and "Grad Night" Breakfast, in addition to providing student scholarships at the high school, middle school and elementary schools. In addition, some of the club's annual events include a Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast, a Spaghetti Dinner in conjunction with the South Pasadena Fire Department, and participation in the construction of the city of South Pasadena's Rose Parade Float.

The time, energy and care that the South Pasadena Kiwanis Club has given to the community are extraordinary, and the residents of South Pasadena have benefited greatly. At this time, I ask all Members to join with me in commending the South Pasadena Kiwanis Club for 80 years of dedicated service to the South Pasadena community.

HONORING CHANA LYMON

**HON. LINCOLN DAVIS**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 8, 2003*

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, teaching is one of the noblest professions I can think of. I rise today to honor one of those teachers. Her name is Chana Lymon. Chana is the Director for Sylvan Career Starters in Columbia, Tennessee. She recently received the Educator Excellence Award from Sylvan Education Solutions. This award is presented to individuals who meet and exceed all of the standards of Excellence and Program Management. Award winners have developed well trained motivated teams and ensure that all service activities meet Sylvan standards.

The Career Center serves youth ages 18–21 who have dropped out of school or have not been able to complete traditional high school due to a barrier such as teen-parenting, truancy, delinquency, debilitating illness, or an academic deficiency. The centers help students prepare for the GED and State TCAP or Gateway tests. They also offer employability and work assistance as well as computer literacy training.

It has become evident through their work that Ms. Lymon and her staff strongly believe in promoting the importance of self-worth. Self-esteem is the most important factor that will go hand in hand with success. I congratulate Ms. Lymon and her staff for promoting education as the key to a better future.

TRIBUTE TO THE 2003 PEOPLE AND  
PERFORMANCE AWARD WINNERS

**HON. JERRY WELLER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 8, 2003*

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Monical's Pizza Corporation (Monical's) for receiving the People and Performance Award (PAPA) during the Multi-Unit

Foodservice Operators 2003 National Conference.

Nation's Restaurant News and Coca-Cola North America established the national PAPA awards to honor multi-unit chains for excellence in employee recognition, retention and recruitment. Monical's President Harry Bond received the PAPA award for retention.

For the past 14 months, Monical's achieved 0 percent turnover for restaurant general managers, team leaders, regional trainers, and support center coordinators. Very few companies can boast of the same accomplishment. Monical's attributes their low turnover rate to several company incentives such as: evaluation of restaurant management at least once a year; all restaurant management and support staff team members receive the same health insurance and profit sharing benefits as the president of the company; the company's policy of a flexible scheduling strategy; and a 50 percent discount on Monical's meals for employees.

Monical's also values their employees who also have families. The majority of management personnel work between 42–45 hours per week and are eligible for two weekend days off per calendar month so their managers are able to enjoy an active and productive family life as well as a life at work. Monical's also encourages their employees to bring their children to work for the day. This allows the children to see where their parents work and have a day of fun working in a restaurant or office.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this body to identify and recognize other companies in their own districts whose actions have so greatly benefitted and strengthened America's families and communities.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW  
YORK, ONEONTA COLLEGE NCAA  
WOMEN'S SOCCER CHAMPS

### HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 8, 2003*

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the State University of New York College at Oneonta women's soccer team for their come-from-behind, emotional victory to win their first ever NCAA National Championship on November 11, 2003.

The tying goal scored in the final seconds of regulation will forever remain a great moment in Red Dragon history. It will also remain a vivid moment of victory of each one of the team's members—for without their collective talent and dedication, it would not have been possible.

Head Coach Tracey Ranieri deserves special praise for leading this fine group of student athletes to the highest possible achievement in women's Division III soccer. Through Coach Ranieri's leadership these young ladies have proven that hard work and dedication on the practice field and in the classroom can produce champions on the playing field and in academics.

I take great pride in representing the State University of New York College at Oneonta. What I find truly special is while the opponent in the National Championship Game, The Uni-

versity of Chicago, boasted a lineup that featured players from across the country; Oneonta's roster was almost completely comprised of New Yorkers. What pride they bring not only Oneonta, but to the entire State of New York.

The 2003 Oneonta Women's Soccer team: Amanda LaPolla of New Hartford, NY; Jami Leiberling of Kendall Park, NJ; Laura Morcone of Mechanicville, NY; Holly Bisbee of Burnt Hills, NY; Patricia DiMichele of Centereach, NY; Alissa Karcz of S. Huntington, NY; Kelly Stevens of Rochester, NY; Cassie Perino of Patchogue, NY; Sanada Mujanovic of Centereach, NY; Patricia Jeager of Baldwin, NY; Liz Fermia of Rochester, NY; Leslie Small of Clifton Park, NY; Rose Velan of Stamford, NY; Brooke Davis of Grand Gorge, NY; Sarah Tauber of Valley Stream, NY; Cristina Gaspar of New Rochelle, NY; Alex Desousa of Blauvelt, NY; Candance Grosser of Levittown, NY; Meghan Putnam of Syracuse, NY; Colleen Wolbert of Rotterdam, NY; Corinne Tisei of New Hyde Park, NY; and Brittany Gates of Syracuse, NY.

### DEDICATING H.R. 3139, THE YOUTH WORKER PROTECTION ACT TO THE MEMORY OF ADAM CAREY

### HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 8, 2003*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, according to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) an average of 230,000 teenagers are injured on the job each year and even more shocking is the fact that an average of 67 teen workers die each year from injuries sustained while on the job. That means a teen worker dies from work related injuries in this country every 5 days.

These are horrific statistics, and I believe that Congress must enact legislation to prevent these unnecessary deaths. The grave nature of these unfortunate accidents is made clearer when given a human face. While I was preparing this legislation, I discovered the story of Adam Carey, a 16 year-old boy who died while working on a golf course in Massachusetts. Adam's death was the result of an accident while he was driving a golf cart between the clubhouse and the driving range. Under Massachusetts state law, youths Adam's age were prohibited from driving golf carts.

I was honored to stand by Adam's mother, Maggie Carey when I introduced H.R. 3139, the Youth Worker Protection Act, to modernize our nation's child labor laws. Among other things, the Youth Worker Protection Act would increase the penalties for employers who violate laws designed to protect children.

I am proud to dedicate this legislation to her son's memory and I ask that her poignant story be included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD so that my colleagues can humanize statistics of young workers who die from injuries suffered on the job once every 5 days.

#### STATEMENT OF MAGGIE CAREY

Good Morning. I'd like to begin by telling you a little bit about myself, my family, and what has brought me here today. Again, my name is Maggie Carey. I am from Beverly, Massachusetts, a small city on the north

shore of Boston. I have worked as an Obstetrical Register Nurse, with my focus being Labor and Delivery, for over 30 years. My husband Richard works in maintenance and grounds keeping for a local hotel chain. We have been married for 30 years and were the proud parents of 3 beautiful children. Our oldest daughter Robin is 28 years old and has met the challenge of Downs Syndrome, Leukemia and open-heart surgery. Our son Jonathan who will be 27 in November has had open-heart surgery as a child as well, now works successfully in the computer software field in California. Our youngest son Adam would have been 19 this past March.

Through the years as parents, one of our roles was to teach our children the importance of responsibility for themselves and as part of a community. We hoped to show them through example, what that means and how to achieve it. In that way they would become successful, productive, and ethical young adults.

We began at an early age encouraging them to have their own paper routes. Even our daughter Robin was able to have one with our assistance. As they got older, we encouraged them to have part time jobs after school, on weekends and during summer vacations. Our daughter as a volunteer would come to work with me on weekends and collate blank charts to be used when new patients arrived. My son Jonathan worked as a bagger and cashier at a local grocery store. We continued to teach them the value of a dollar, how to earn it, save it, and manage it appropriately. Little did we know that by trying to teach these important values it would cost us dearly.

In August of 2000, our then 16-year-old son Adam began working at a local country club as a bag room attendant. On September 16, 2000, only 3½ weeks later, his life would come to an end while working at a job that seemed so perfect for him. Adam loved golf, people and being outdoors. He was driving a golf cart as part of the job. He was using the cart to retrieve golf balls, wash them, and return them to the golf barn. He had been in the pro shop just prior to the accident and we were told that when he got back on the cart he hit a deck that was only about 10 feet away. On impact Adam's heart was ruptured. Supposedly no one witnessed the accident even though it was the busiest day of the season at the club and it was right near the practice green, so exactly what happened is unknown.

What we do know is the devastating effect that the loss of our son has had on our entire family. What we also know is that child labor laws had been violated and continues to be violated every day in our country. Approximately 20 or so violations were found that day alone. Most importantly the one affecting Adam under Massachusetts General Laws, which prohibits anyone under the age of 18 from operating any type of motor vehicle of any description while employed.

Many people and agencies investigated the accident, but the only action taken against the employer was a \$1000 fine by OSHA for having failed to report the accident within 8 hours. The Attorney Generals Office opted not to pursue any action, because the only avenue they have is through the criminal courts. They rarely prosecute unless the company is guilty of grossly repetitive behavior. Supposedly this was the employer's first offense, but in reality it was the only time they were caught. Even though the law is clear, it has become acceptable practice for teens to operate these carts for many years now due to non-enforcement. Since when can a death not be considered serious enough to pursue charges? So, is it the second, third or one-hundredth death they may pay attention to.